

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A method of manufacturing a circular optical storage disc, comprising:

providing a substrate with a first surface and a periphery;
and

providing a coating on the first surface by applying a liquid, rotating the substrate, and solidifying the liquid; and
wherein:

when applying the liquid onto the first surface, the substrate is present in a separate extension body;

the extension body having substantially circumferential contact with the periphery of the substrate, ~~wherein said substantially circumferential contact limits fluid flow therebetween to, at most, capillary flow;~~

the extension body having a surface substantially flush with the first surface of the substrate; and

~~after at least partial substantial solidification of substantially all the liquid,~~ the extension body and the substrate are separated.

2. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said extension body has an outer periphery which has a circular shape.

3. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said extension body has an outer periphery which has a polygonal shape.

4. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein said extension body has an outer periphery which has a regular polygonal shape.

5. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the surface of the extension body consists of substantially the same material as the substrate of the optical storage disc.

6. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the surface of the extension body consists of a material to which the coating adheres relatively poorly.

7. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said extension body is composed of at least two parts with surfaces substantially flush with the first surface of the substrate.

8. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the liquid is solidified by exposure to UV light.

Claims 9-14 (Cancelled)

15. (new) the substantial solidification being sufficient so that coating breaks off at the periphery of the substrate.

16. (new) the substantial solidification being sufficient so that coating is released from the extension body.